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1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON
6/27/95. AT THE BRIEFING THAT DAY, SPOKESMAN NICK BURNS
USED ALL OF OF ANSWERS IN PARAGRAPH 2. THE REMAINDER MAY
BE USED ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

2. CHINA: UPDATE ON HARRY WU

Q: ANY ACCESS TO HARRY WU IN CHINA?

A: U.S. EMBASSY OFFICERS MADE A REQUEST FOR ACCESS
AND AN ASSURANCE OF MR. WU'S WHEREABOUTS YESTERDAY.OUR CONSULAR AGREEMENT WITH CHINA PROVIDES FOR
ACCESS TO A DETAINED AMERICAN 48 HOURS AFTER
MAKING SUCH A REQUEST.THE U.S. CONSUL GENERAL IN BEIJING WILL MEET AGAIN
WITH THE DIVISION CHIEF FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS AT
THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TOMORROW.WE UNDERSTAND MR. WU IS BEING HELD IN XINJIANG
PROVINCE, IN NORTHWEST CHINA.WE INTEND TO HAVE A CONSULAR OFFICER TRAVEL THERE
TO MEET WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT SAYS HE IS BEING
INVESTIGATED, NOT ARRESTED.WE ARE CONCERNED BY HIS DETENTION AND URGE HIS
IMMEDIATE RELEASE.WE NOTED OUR CONCERN TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN
BEIJING THIS MORNING AND WILL FOLLOW UP WITH THE
CHINESE EMBASSY HERE TODAY.

3. COURTESY CALL BY CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US A READOUT OF THE CHINESE CHARGE'S
MEETING AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK?A: ZHOU WENZHONG (PHONETIC; JOE WEHN-JONG) RECENTLY
ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON TO ASSUME HIS POSITION AS
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY.
HE PAID A STANDARD, GET-ACQUAINTED COURTESY CALL
ON EAP DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KENT WIEDEMANN.
THE DISCUSSION RANGED OVER CURRENT ISSUES IN THE
U.S.-CHINA BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

4. CHINA: RE-ARREST OF DISSIDENT CHEN ZIMING

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS OF THE RE-ARREST IN
BEIJING ON MONDAY MORNING OF DISSIDENT ACTIVIST CHEN
ZIMING?A: THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE
REPORTED DETENTION OF CHEN ZIMING AND THE APPARENT
REVOCATION OF HIS MEDICAL PAROLE. WE JOIN CHEN'S
WIFE AND FAMILY, HIS MANY FRIENDS IN CHINA AND IN
THE UNITED STATES, AND SEVERAL CONCERNED
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN URGING THE
CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO REVERSE THIS DECISION AND
RELEASE CHEN ZIMING WITHOUT DELAY, PERMITTING HIM
TO CONTINUE HIS MEDICAL RECOVERY.BACKGROUND: ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BEIJING AND PRESS
REPORTS, POLITICAL ACTIVIST CHEN ZIMING WASDETAINED IN BEIJING DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS
OF JUNE 25. SECURITY OFFICIALS EVIDENTLY CAME TO
CHEN'S HOME TO TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY. HIS
APARTMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SEARCHED AND PERSONAL
PAPERS AND MATERIALS CONFISCATED. END BACKGROUNDCHEN AND HIS FAMILY WERE TOLD THAT HIS MEDICAL
PAROLE WOULD BE CANCELLED AND THAT HE WOULD BE
RETURNED TO PRISON TO SERVE THE REMAINING EIGHT

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YEARS OF THE THIRTEEN-YEAR SENTENCE HANDED DOWN TO HIM IN 1991 ON CHARGES OF "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY CRIMES."

CHEN ZHIMING WAS RELEASED ON MEDICAL PAROLE IN MAY 1994. HAVING BEEN TREATED FOR HEPATITIS, CORONARY PROBLEMS, LIVER AND KIDNEY DISEASES, AND HAVING HAD SURGERY FOR CANCER LAST AUTUMN, CHEN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION CONTINUES TO BE POOR. THUS, HE SHOULD CONTINUE TO QUALIFY UNDER CHINESE LAW FOR MEDICAL PAROLE.

WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT PRESENT ABOUT CHEN ZHIMING'S WHEREABOUTS OR STATUS.

WE URGE THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE ALL PRISONERS JAILED SOLELY FOR THE PEACEFUL EXPRESSION OF THEIR POLITICAL OR SOCIAL VIEWS, OR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

5. JAPAN - GENEVA AUTO TALKS

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE AUTO TALKS IN GENEVA?

A: AMBASSADOR KANTOR HAS HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS IN GENEVA WITH MITI MINISTER HASHIMOTO SINCE MONDAY EVENING. WE HAVE NO DETAILS TO REPORT. TALKS ARE SET TO CONTINUE TODAY.

6. APEC: CONCERTED UNILATERALISM

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON "CONCERTED UNILATERAL LIBERALIZATION?"

A: IN THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE ACTION AGENDA, "CONCERTED UNILATERAL LIBERALIZATION" WAS THE ONLY PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION AGENDA. THE U.S. BELIEVES SEVERAL APPROACHES CAN APPROPRIATELY BE USED TO ACHIEVE THE BOGOR COMMITMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT SOME ISSUES ARE BETTER ADDRESSED BY COLLECTIVE ACTION WITHIN APEC.

THE U.S. BELIEVES A VARIETY OF PROCESSES WILL BE USED TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMITMENTS APEC LEADERS MADE IN BOGOR LAST YEAR. REINFORCING THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM, COLLECTIVE APEC-WIDE ACTION, AND ACTIONS BY INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIES WILL ALL PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN IMPLEMENTING THE BOGOR COMMITMENTS.

THE U.S. IS NOT AGAINST ANY ONE MODALITY, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO CHOOSE ONE PROCESS

OVER ANOTHER. THE APPROACHES WE USE SHOULD COMPLIMENT ONE ANOTHER.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL OTHER APEC MEMBERS, REMAIN FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF BOGOR COMMITMENTS.

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